Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Am I to understand that they are regularly swept clean now?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Instructions have been given; and I have seen it in a good condition. But I do not know what its present condition is?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to see that it is kept in a good and fit condition for the purpose for which it is intended?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Steps have been taken to do so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—But the effect is not seen there.

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It will be seen.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—May I know what are the steps that were taken?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—We have asked the sanitary coolies to go and sweep the place.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—How long ago was it?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—About a year now.

Rates for wirecut bricks for Ernakulam College works.

366. **Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the rate at which the Stoneware Factory of Chalakkudi supply wirecut bricks at Ernakulam for College works and what were the rates offered by other factories?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The value of the wirecut bricks supplied by the Government Stoneware works for the College extension works is being adjusted at the rate of Rs. 38—14—0 per 1,000 bricks which is the rate at which the estimate for the College works is worked out.

The rates offered by the different factories are given below:—

1. Harrison and Crossfield, Quilon—Rs. 26 per 1,000 F. O. B. Ernakulam.

2. Standard Tile Works, Alwaye—Rs. 26 workspot.

3. S. R. Industrials, Ollur—Rs. 34—8—0 workspot.

4. Ramapuram Tile Works, Pudukad—Rs. 35 workspot, and thence reduced to Rs. 28 for whole supply for College and Rs. 29 if given only a portion of do.

5. Sivakami Tile Works, Pudukad—Rs. 35 workspot and thehce reduced to Rs. 26 do.

6. Srikrishna Tile Works, Pudukad—Rs. 35 workspot and thence reduced to Rs. 26 do.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know how the Government is justified in adjusting the value at a bigger amount than the rates given by the different companies?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The rate of Rs. 38—14—0 per thousand bricks is the rate adopted in the schedule when we prepared our estimates and it is the practice of Government to adjust the schedule rates in the case of all supplies made by one Government department to another. That is the practice we follow in the case of timber we get from the Forest Department. But now it is seen that the market rates have gone down and we will be revising our rates in line with these rates offered by the companies.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what is the actual cost of production of bricks in the Stoneware Factory?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have had occasion to investigate that question and I found that it costs about Rs. 15-8-0 per thousand.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What was the necessity then to call for a tender when one department supplies to another department? If that is the practice, there was no necessity to call for tenders.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—At the time when we called for tenders it was not our intention to go and manufacture bricks. When we received our tenders they were all very high. They demanded 35 per thousand which were since reduced.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Why did not the Government adopt the lowest rate given by the tenderers?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is only a matter of adjustment and the Government does not lose any money on account of that. All our estimates were prepared when it was not our intention to manufacture bricks.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not true that the bricks manufactured at Chalakkudi are superior to the other bricks?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—And it is a Government-run institution and the profit goes to the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What will be the transport charges?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Rs. 7 per thousand from Chalakkudi to the workshop.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are the bricks tested by Government?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They are tested by the Guindy Engineering College.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In what way are these bricks superior?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The crushing load was higher than any other.

Recognition of the Cochin and Travancore S. S. L. C.

367. Mr. K. Ayyappan. — Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Travancore S. S. L. C. Examination is recognised here for purposes of appointments in the Government service, and

(2) whether the Cochin S. S. L. C. Examination is similarly recognised in Travancore?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) The Government of Travancore have not recognised the Cochin S. S. L.C. Examination as a qualification for entertainment in their Public service. As regards appointments in the Education Department, the Travancore Education Code accepts the Cochin S. S L. C. Examination as sufficient qualification for certain posts in that Department.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to move the Travancore Government to recognise our S.S.L.C. there as we have recognised their S. S. L. C. here?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government intend to do that.

Report of the Headmaster of the Ernakulam High School regarding clothing supplied to Depressed Classes pupils.

368. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—എറണാകുളം ഹൈസ്കൂൾ ഹെഡ്മാസ്റ്റരവർകൾ അധഃകൃത വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള വസ്ത്രങ്ങളെ കുറിച്ച് വിദ്യാഭ്യാസമേലധികാരിയുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിന്റെ ഒരു കോപ്പി മലയാളത്തിൽ തർജ്ജമചെയ്ത് മേശപ്പുറത്തു വയ്ക്കാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ.—എറണാകുളം ഹൈസ്കൂൾ ഹെഡ്മാസ്റ്ററവർകൾ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ മേലധികാരിയവർകൾക്ക് അധഃകൃത വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള വസ്ത്രങ്ങളെകുറിച്ച് ഒരു റിപ്പോർട്ട് അയച്ചതായി കാണുന്നില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് വേറെ വല്ല ആക്ഷേപവും സർവ്മെണ്ടിൻ കീഴിലായതായി അറിയാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ. ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ.—വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽ ഇതിനെസംബന്ധിച്ച് ഒന്നും കീഴിലായിട്ടില്ല.

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